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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 11 October 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*See Continuation Sheet*

Continuation of 1 (e) Entered in part. See explanation: The amendment to claim 2 filed with the issue fee on October 11th 2005 (with a certificate of mailing dated October 6th, 2005) do not change the previous ground of allowance.

Additionally, the Information Disclosure Statements filed October 3rd, 2005 and July 6th, 2004 have been considered and made of record. The references do not change the previous grounds for allowance.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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